

REMARKS

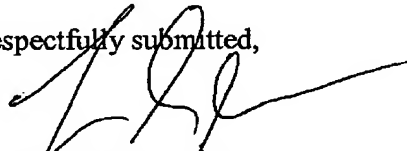
In the May 29, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner found claims 32 and 33 allowable, but continued to reject claims 24, 25, and 28-31 on reference grounds.

In order to expedite the allowance of the present application, Applicants have hereby cancelled the rejected independent claim 24 and amended the remaining claims 25 and 28-31 to depend from the allowed claim 33. Therefore, claims 25 and 28-31, as amended herein, are also allowable.

Based on the foregoing, claims 24, 25 and 28-33 as amended herein are in condition for allowance. Issue of a Notice of Allowance for the application is therefore requested.

If any issues remain outstanding, incident to the formal allowance of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (516) 742-4343 to discuss same, in order that this application may be allowed and passed to issue at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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